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Ms. Sue M. Cobb
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-

Dear Secretary Cobb:

I am writing this letter because I am outraged at the gross incompetence on the part of your employees.

Approximately two months ago, I called Mr. Miguel Hernandez to seek advice and instruction on how to remove the self-appointed Chairman of the Veterans Party of America, Mr. Phillip Meskin. He wasn't quite sure, so he checked with his supervisor. I was referred to Florida Division of Elections Statute 103.131, section 7. After studying the statute, I immediately went to work following the direction outlined in the statute.

Also, in researching Florida Division of Elections Statutes, it was discovered that Mr. Meskin is in direct violation of Florida DOE statute 103.081.

On 21 June 2006, I called Mr. Hernandez and inquired as to what was happening with our complaint against Mr. Meskin. He informed me that he "filed" my letters. When I asked why he didn't send them onto the proper reporting authorities, he went to check with someone as to what to do. He came back and reported that there was nothing the Division of Elections could do for us. The Division of Elections does not enforce its own laws. I also asked why no one bothered to send me a letter or call advising me of this fact. His response was to apologize. Two months have gone by and nothing was being done by your staff. At the very least, Mr. Hernandez could have sent my letters up his chain of command and ultimately, my letters would have ended up with the correct enforcing agency.

After hearing this, I asked Mr. Hernandez who does enforce the Division of Election laws? His response to me was "I don't know" and wished me luck.

I find this whole situation ludicrous. After all, what is the point of having laws and no one enforcing them? I told Mr. Hernandez that I recently discovered that Florida has its own Elections Commission and asked if that's where I should send our information. His response was "I don't know". Therefore, I am sending a copy of this letter to all agencies concerned with

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law enforcement and in particular, election law. I want this matter resolved. I want the results of the tribunal enforced. Everything is self-explanatory in the copies of letters I sent to your agency enclosed with this letter.

I am also enclosing a photocopy of my returned letter to Mr. Meskin advising him of his removal by the Florida Tribunal. As you can see, he marked the envelope "refused" and it was ultimately returned to me. This is also in direct violation of US Code in that, "political committees must operate an address to receive and accept mail or they are in violation of this code and FEC regulations, especially by writing "moved" or "refused" on the envelope and returning it to the addressor". Please be advised that Mr. Meskin uses his business address (Veterans Post Newspaper) as the address for his Veterans Party of America.

I hope to hear from someone very soon advising me that this matter is receiving the highest priority and that the state will rule in the Tribunal's favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra L. Hollis
Chairperson
State of Florida
Veterans Party of America

Enclosures: as stated

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